

Legislative Probe Into City's Administration Will Be Asked Jan. 5

Enright Denies Crime Wave; Calls Statistics "Pure Rot"

Returning From Panama Aboard Pastores, Commissioner Declares City Is Best Policed in the World; Doubts 100 Unsolved Murders

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\$50,000 Will Be Asked to Engage Counsel; Senator Assails Hylan Regimen

The Police Department was never more efficient than it is to-day.

New York is to-day the best policed city in the world.

A resolution creating a joint legislative committee to investigate the Hyman administration, especially the Police Department, and the conduct of the officers of the department, was introduced by Representative William C. Cullen.

These statements were made yesterday to a Tribune reporter by Police Commissioner Richard E. Knight when he arrived here on the United Fruit liner Pastores from the Canal Zone. He was on a mission he verified. The Tribune's statement of a few days ago that William F. Lahey is the active head of all branches of the Police Department and wields more power than was ever before vested in a chief in-pector, is correct. The Police Department and some of the county departments in New York City, will be introduced in the Legislature at its opening session, the night of January 5.

When informed that The Tribune had recorded more than 350 hold-ups, robberies, and thefts in New York City, the district attorney said:

since January 1, 1926, with a \$100,000 property loss of nearly \$4,000,000. Mr. Wright declared that these figures were associated a "manufactured crime wave."

The Police Commissioner scoffed at the idea of there having been more than the unsolved murders within the five boroughs during the same period. He said that an investigation would certainly bring this figure down to twenty-five, as in all other arrests had been made or the persons com-

mitted to the penitentiary, that he has given out in connection with police matters during the last six months. It was while the Pastores was on her way from Quantarise to Pier 11 East River, that the head of the present police administration consented to express himself in relation to the recent increase in crime and the alleged breakdown of his department.

Mr. Enright boarded the ship at Colon, having passed the greater part of his vacation in the Canal Zone. He had

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Roosevelt, will introduce the resolution in the upper house, while Assemblyman Joseph Steinberg, ranking Republican member from the city, will sponsor the measure in the Assembly. Leading legislators believe its passage assured.

The Robinson-Steinberg resolution is now in tentative shape, and provides for a committee of nine members, consisting of four Senators and five Assemblymen. It is broadly drawn, that the committee will

Gun Silencers Banned in Jersey

Shoot 1 Man, Knock 3
Unconscious, Hold Up an
Auto. Bakery, Butcher
Shop, Saloon, Roadhouse

Rev. H. L. Bowlby's Home in
East Orange Is Guarded
After He Tells of Receiv-
ing Menacing Letters

Terrorize Bergen County
A Joke, Authorities Say

Escape in Maroon - Col-
Dr. Crafts Now Plans to

lators to engage counsel, pro-
served, detectives and other as-
sants.

Civic Organizations Back Inquiry

Prominent legislators throughout the
state are back of the proposed invest-
igation, and they will be supported by
the more important civic organizations
in this city.

"Conditions in New York City," said
Senator Robinson yesterday, "are ab-
horrible."

**ored Car With \$2,000;
Day's Search Fruitless**

Three masked bandits, trailing a turquoise-colored touring car and carrying revolvers equipped with Malmie silencers, swept through Bergen County, N. J., Saturday night and early yesterday morning. They robbed a saloon, a butcher shop, a roadhouse and a bakery, held up an automobile, shot and seriously wounded one man and battered three others into insensibility. The five robberies yielded about \$2,000.

Bergen County was being searched all day yesterday and last night by posse organized by Sheriff Joseph Kinziey and County Detectives Taylor, Seibel and Dawson. No trace of the gunmen

The Rev. Harry L. Bowditch, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, which is behind the blue Sunday movement, yesterday sent a telegram from Scranton, Pa., to Chief of Police W. H. O'Neill of East Orange, N. J., asking that his home at 310 North Maple avenue, East Orange, be given police protection. He said he had received threatening letters.

Chief O'Neill declared last night he had instructed patrolmen to watch the Bowditch home, but that he wasn't inclined to think there was any danger.

"Looks like some joke to me," he said.

Mr. Bowditch, a prominent Unitarian

property.

"The people will not tolerate a continuation of the conditions obtaining here. And plundering politicians may as well realize this now, instead of coming to Albany in January to try to stop an investigation of the administration of New York City."

Senator Robinson then referred to other attempts to investigate the city administration, especially the Police Department, since Mayor Hylan took office.

No Throttling of Probe

"There are stories in circulation regarding the sinister methods employed to thrust the issue through the legisla-

was found. Cornelius McNamee, a butcher, of Oakland, N. J., was the victim of a shot fired from a noiseless weapon.

The gunmen worked with coolness and despatch. They made their first appearance early in the evening at Bert Huebner's garage, at Ridgeland Park. That was about 7 o'clock. The first trolley car was stopped directly in front of the garage and the three men stepped out and looked around. One

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Birth," continued Senator Robinson. "But there will be no thrashing of the investigation. The public pillory awaits the man who attempts any soft handling on an honest and thorough investigation of the acts of the Tammany crew which has been running things in this city for the last thirty years."

"Boss Tweed was a piker compared to some of the Tammany politicians who have become millionaires at the expense of the taxpayers of the city."

To Dye Nation Gradually

The American Sunday is to be made blue by a gradual process of tinging

Find Prey in Oakland

Their machine bore them to Oakland where they again got out of the car and viewed the surroundings. They strolled leisurely into two stores—the candy shop of Albert Van Orden and Liddy McNamee's grocery. Both stores were closed.

men, and they remain only a short time.

At a short distance along the gunmen found use for their masks, revolvers and Maxim silencers. They often, doubtly are not going to spend the night.

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Maine Women Is Given Kaiser's Land in Turkey

and upon him, withdrew his resignation. And we saw in the newspaper that Mayor Hyman and some of his political playmates were then enjoying the breezes at the New Jersey coast resort.

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Fight Launched to Cut Representation of South
Massachusetts Member Says He Will Offer Resolution in the House To-day

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The opening of the new Congress has brought to the fore an important battle to reduce the representation of the Southern States in the House of Representatives.

protecting the House Committee's right to make an inquiry into the extent of the influence of the Lexow committee in the South and to recommend cutting down the representation of those states accordingly.

Mr. Tinkham's statement declared that eleven Southern states—Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Georgia and Virginia—were given two-thirds of the Lexow committee's representation.

And was given to two handfuls of persons. After the armistice she continued her work among the homeless Armenians.

Miss Grafman, who is known as the "heroine of the Silvas, Turkey," went to the Balkans in 1915, and has been ever since under the American Board, and consequently had many years' experience in the work of the American Board. When she was broke out she was re-

administration. "Conditions here are revolting to the American eye. If the Lexow committee, which is not supposed to go after corruption in official life, is to be a committee of affairs which is only too familiar to those who read, not only in New York City, but in the country, or can imagine what a committee returned after the Lexow committee

can do.

Robbers and Assassins at Large

"If we had nothing else before us, it